

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title of the application and before the background of the invention on page 1:

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This application is a 371 National Stage Entry of International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/38835, entitled “2-(2-HYDROXYBIPHENYL-3-YL)-1*H*-BENZOIMIDAZOLE-5-CARBOXAMIDINE DERIVATIVES AS FACTOR VIIA INHIBITORS” filed on December 03, 2003, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/430,981, entitled “2-(2-HYDROXYBIPHENYL-3-YL)-1*H*-BENZOIMIDAZOLE-5-CARBOXAMIDINE DERIVATIVES AS FACTOR VIIA INHIBITORS” filed on December 03, 2002, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.”